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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mario Bruno, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the IBG Public Service Award by the Italian Board of Guardians on May 29, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mario Bruno, Jr., Assistant Commissioner of New York City Department of Environmental Protection, upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the IBG Public Service Award by the Italian Board of Guardians to be celebrated at its 78th Annual Bishop's Gala on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Italian Board of Guardians, located in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, New York, is a non-profit social services agency, affiliated with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, and a member agency of both United Way of New York City, and the Human Services Council; and

WHEREAS, Since 1936, its mission is dedicated to addressing the social needs of communities and individuals throughout the Greater New York Metropolitan area, regardless of race, gender, age, creed, or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Italian Board of Guardians gratefully acknowledges those who support and work on behalf of its worthy endeavors; a man of singular distinction, Mario Bruno, Jr., a native of Brooklyn, New York, has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary

intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community as well as his profession; and

WHEREAS, For over 28 years Mario Bruno, Jr. has worked in the fields of infrastructure engineering, public administration, intergovernmental relationships, political campaign management, and strategic communications; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious political career, Mario Bruno, Jr. served as State Campaign Manager for United States Senator John McCain's 2000 presidential campaign, and as State Executive Director for the 2007 presidential campaign of New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani; and

WHEREAS, In New York City, Mario Bruno, Jr. also served as a key political strategist and adviser to Congressmen, District Attorneys, Borough Presidents, State Senators, and Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Claims; and

WHEREAS, Mario Bruno, Jr. became a mechanical engineer by education and training, having graduated from Polytechnic Institute of New York; for over 10 years, he served as an engineer for New York City Department of Transportation, where he became an expert in bridges and tunnels; furthermore, he served as Executive Vice President of the GA Group, a public engineering firm that provided services such as structural and civil design, land surveying, environmental engineering, and public school construction management; and

WHEREAS, As a public administrator, Mario Bruno, Jr. served with New York City Department of Youth & Community Development for 12 years, where he worked as Assistant Commissioner for After School Programs, running the largest municipal after school program in the United States; he also served on a Mayoral Task Force to develop Mayor Bloomberg's own after school initiative, the Out of School Time program; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Mario Bruno, Jr. joined the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the largest municipal water and wastewater utility in the United States, and currently serves as Assistant Commis-

sioner for Intergovernmental Affairs, dealing with elected officials and legislative affairs at every level of government, both in New York City and in the areas of upstate New York where New York City's watersheds are located; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Beata, their daughter, Marlena, and parents, Audrey and Mario Bruno, as well as two brothers, Michael and Frank, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Mario Bruno, Jr. has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals who have distinguished themselves in their profession and have faithfully served the needs of their community with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality and dignity of life in the community are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mario Bruno, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the IBG Public Service Award by the Italian Board of Guardians on May 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mario Bruno, Jr.